

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) A device for interconnection of a first organ to a second organ comprising:

(a) a first element with an axially through-going first passage along a first longitudinal axis, a first front end portion, a first front edge, a first rear end portion, and a first rear edge, and

(b) a second element with an axially through-going second passage along a second longitudinal axis, a second rear end portion or receiving portion, and a second front portion, wherein,

1) the second front portion is provided with at least two elongated first fingers which are arranged at intervals along the circumference of the first passage, and,

2) said fingers are of uniform ~~radial~~ thickness,

3) each of said fingers is comprised of a main portion extending from the second front portion and in the direction of the second longitudinal axis, and,

4) said main portion is continuous with a gripping part, wherein the gripping part is directed away from the second longitudinal axis in an undeformed condition of said second element, such that,

introduction of the first element into the second element displaces the main portions of the fingers radially outwards.

21. (previously presented) A device according to claim 20, wherein the second element is provided with at least one additional, second finger, the second finger being comprised of a main portion, and a support part, such that the second finger is arranged to abut against the outside of the second organ when the gripping parts have been inserted in the second organ.

22. (previously presented) A device according to claim 21, wherein the main portion of at least one of the second fingers has a radially outward convex configuration.

23. (previously presented) A device according to claim 22, wherein the second element is provided with an annular collar, said collar being movable longitudinally along the outer surface of the second element.

24. (previously presented) A device according to claim 23, wherein that at least one finger is provided with a shoulder which protrudes radially outwards from the said finger, such that said shoulder restricts longitudinal mobility of the annular collar.

25. (previously presented) A device according to claim 20, wherein the first element is provided with an external sleeve-shaped casing with a front end, said casing being continuous with the first element at the first rear edge, such that the casing and the first element define a cylindrical annulus that stops short of the front end of the first element.

26. (previously presented) A device according to claim 25, wherein the casing is provided with a slot which extends from the front end of the casing, and the second element is provided with an outwardly projecting pin, such that said pin engages said slot when the first element is inserted in the second element.

27. (previously presented) A device according to claim 20, wherein the first element (1) is provided a shoulder, such that said shoulder abuts against the second rear end portion of the second element during insertion of the first element in the

second element , thereby restricting the depth of insertion of the first element in the second element.

28. (previously presented) A device according to claim 20 wherein the second element or the first element or both are perforated.

29. (previously presented) A device according to claim 20 wherein that the rear end portion of the second element is flared or bevelled.

30. (currently amended) A device according to claim 20, wherein the front edge of the first element defines a first plane and the gripping parts define a second plane, such that the first plane and the second plane form the same angle with respectively the longitudinal axes of the first element and the second element, when the first element is ~~optimally~~ inserted in the second element.

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33. (previously presented) A device according to claim 20, wherein said fingers gradually progressively incline radially inwardly of said second element.

34. (previously presented) A device according to claim 33, wherein said gradual progressive radially inward inclination of said fingers extends over most of the length of the fingers, whereby insertion of said first element into said second element gradually progressively moves said fingers radially outwardly of said second element.

35. (previously presented) A device for interconnection of a first organ to a second organ comprising:

(a) a first element with an axially through-going first passage along a first longitudinal axis, a first front end portion, a first front edge, a first rear end portion, and a first rear edge, and

(b) a second element with an axially through-going second passage along a second longitudinal axis, a second rear end portion or receiving portion, and a second front portion, wherein,

1) the second front portion is provided with at least two elongated first fingers which are arranged at intervals along the circumference of the first passage, and,

2) each of said fingers is comprised of a main portion extending from the second front portion and in the direction of the second longitudinal axis, and,

3) said main portion is continuous with a gripping part, wherein the gripping part is directed away from the second

longitudinal axis in an undeformed condition of said second element, such that,

introduction of the first element into the second element displaces the main portions of the fingers radially outwards.